

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A bottle holder for supporting a bottle on a surface, comprising:

a pad portion for resting on the surface, the pad portion having an upper face and a lower face, the pad portion having a perimeter between the upper and lower faces; and

bottle securing means positioned on the upper face of the pad portion for removably securing the bottle in position on the pad portion.

2. The bottle holder of claim 1 wherein the bottle securing means comprises:

a bottle securing strap mounted on the upper face of the pad portion for releasably securing about an upper location on the bottle;

a first bottom stop mounted on the upper face of the pad portion for stopping the bottom of a relatively small bottle secured in the bottle securing strap; and

a second bottom stop mounted on the upper face of the pad portion for stopping the bottom of a relatively large bottle secured in the bottle securing strap.

3. The bottle holder of claim 2 wherein the bottle securing strap has a medial portion and a pair of end portions, the medial portion of the bottle securing strap being mounted on the pad portion and the end portions being free of the pad portion; and

fastening means being located on each of the end portions for releasably securing the end portions of the securing strap together to form a loop about the bottle.

4. The bottle holder of claim 2 wherein the first bottom stop is formed of a flexible material so that the first bottom stop is collapsible against the upper face of the pad portion.

5. The bottle holder of claim 1 wherein the first bottom stop comprises:

a loop member for looping about a portion of the bottle, the loop member having opposite ends fixed to the pad portion; and

a thong strap extending between the loop member and the pad portion, a first end of the thong strap being mounted on a medial portion of the loop member and a second end of the thong strap being mounted on the upper face of the pad portion.

6. The bottle holder of claim 2 wherein the first bottom stop is spaced from the bottle securing strap a first distance, the second bottom stop is spaced from the bottle securing strap a second distance, and the second distance is greater than the first distance.

7. The bottle holder of claim 2 wherein the second bottom stop comprises a top wall and a pair of side walls extending between the top wall and the upper face of the pad portion for extending about a bottom portion of the bottle.

8. The bottle holder of claim 7 wherein the second bottom stop further includes an end wall extending between the side walls and between the top wall and the upper face of the pad portion.

9. The bottle holder of claim 1 wherein the perimeter of the pad portion has an apex, the perimeter having a pair of side portions and a back portion, the side portions of the perimeter converging at the apex such that the perimeter is substantially triangular.

10. The bottle holder of claim 1 wherein the bottle securing means comprises:

- a bottle securing strap mounted on the upper face of the pad portion for releasably securing about an upper location on the bottle;

- a first bottom stop mounted on the upper face of the pad portion for stopping the bottom of a relatively small bottle secured in the bottle securing strap; and

- a second bottom stop mounted on the upper face of the pad portion for stopping the bottom of a relatively large bottle secured in the bottle securing strap;

- wherein the bottle securing strap has a medial portion and a pair of end portions, the medial portion of the bottle securing strap being mounted on the pad portion and the end portions being free of the pad portion;

- fastening means being located on each of the end portions for releasably securing the end portions of the securing strap together to form a loop about the bottle;

- wherein the first bottom stop is formed of a flexible material so that the first bottom stop is collapsible against the upper face of the pad portion;

- wherein the first bottom stop comprises:

- a loop member for looping about a portion of the bottle, the loop member having opposite ends fixed to the pad portion; and

a thong strap extending between the loop member and the pad portion, a first end of the thong strap being mounted on a medial portion of the loop member and a second end of the thong strap being mounted on the upper face of the pad portion;

wherein the first bottom stop is spaced from the bottle securing strap a first distance, the second bottom stop is spaced from the bottle securing strap a second distance, and the second distance is greater than the first distance;

wherein the second bottom stop comprises a top wall and a pair of side walls extending between the top wall and the upper face of the pad portion for extending about a bottom portion of the bottle;

wherein the second bottom stop further includes an end wall extending between the side walls and between the top wall and the upper face of the pad portion; and

wherein the perimeter of the pad portion has an apex, the perimeter having a pair of side portions and a back portion, the side portions of the perimeter converging at the apex such that the perimeter is substantially triangular.

11. A bottle holder for supporting a bottle on a support, comprising:

a stalk portion having first and second ends;

a bottle securing means mounted on the first end of the stalk portion for securing to the bottle; and

a support clamping means mounted on the second end of the stalk portion for clamping the support.

12. The bottle holder of claim 11 wherein the stalk portion is flexible to bend upon application of force to the stalk portion and

being adapted to hold a position when the application of force is removed from the stalk portion.

13. The bottle holder of claim 11 wherein the bottle securing means comprises:

a base pad mounted on the first end of the stalk portion; and
looping means for looping about removably looping about the bottle.

14. The bottle holder of claim 13 wherein the base pad includes a cup and a resiliently compressible pad positioned in the cup.

15. The bottle holder of claim 13 wherein the looping means comprises a pair of strap portions, the pair of strap portions extending in diametrically opposite directions from the base pad, the pair of strap portions each having a free end, the looping means further comprising fastening means being positioned on each of the free ends of the strap portions for releasably fastening the free ends of the strap portions together to secure the bottle against the base pad.

16. The bottle holder of claim 11 wherein the support clamping means comprises:

a clamp member mounted on the second end of the stalk portion, the clamp member having a pair of arms extending away from the stalk portion; and

a clamping strap assembly for releasably clamping the arms of the clamp member toward each other.

17. The bottle holder of claim 16 wherein the clamp member is substantially U-shaped, each arm of the pair of arms having a

inboard portion and an outboard portion, the inboard portions of the arms diverging as the inboard portions extend away from stalk portion and the outboard portions converging as the outboard portions extend away from the stalk portion.

18. The bottle holder of claim 16 wherein the support clamping means additionally comprises padding mounted on an interior of the clamp member for positioning against the support.

19. The bottle holder of claim 16 wherein the clamping strap assembly comprises:

- a clamping strap; and

- releasable fastening means releasably fastening the clamping strap to the arms of the clamp member, the releasable fastening means being mounted on outer surfaces of each of the arms of the clamp member and on a side of the clamping strap.

20. The bottle holder of claim 11 wherein the stalk portion is flexible to bend upon application of force to the stalk portion and being adapted to hold a position when the application of force is removed from the stalk portion;

- wherein the bottle securing means comprises:

- a base pad mounted on the first end of the stalk portion;

- and

- looping means for looping about removably looping about the bottle;

- wherein the base pad includes a cup and a resiliently compressible pad positioned in the cup;

- wherein the looping means comprises a pair of strap portions, the pair of strap portions extending in diametrically opposite directions from the base pad, the pair of strap portions each having

a free end, the looping means further comprising fastening means being positioned on each of the free ends of the strap portions for releasably fastening the free ends of the strap portions together to secure the bottle against the base pad;

wherein the support clamping means comprises:

a clamp member mounted on the second end of the stalk portion, the clamp member having a pair of arms extending away from the stalk portion; and

a clamping strap assembly for releasably clamping the arms of the clamp member toward each other;

wherein the clamp member is substantially U-shaped, each arm of the pair of arms having an inboard portion and an outboard portion, the inboard portions of the arms diverging as the inboard portions extend away from stalk portion and the outboard portions converging as the outboard portions extend away from the stalk portion;

wherein the support clamping means additionally comprises padding mounted on an interior of the clamp member for positioning against the support; and

wherein the clamping strap assembly comprises:

a clamping strap; and

releasable fastening means releasably fastening the clamping strap to the arms of the clamp member, the releasable fastening means being mounted on outer surfaces of each of the arms of the clamp member and on a side of the clamping strap.